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# <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56</u>

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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.

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## RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Certain documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding European Application. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language document has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P.§ 609).

The Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement.

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